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Mr. Ron Kokel
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Mr. Kokel,

Please find enclosed the 2008/2009 proposed tribal migratory bird regulations for the Little Traverse Bay Band's of Odawa Indians (LTBB). The proposed migratory bird hunting regulations are for Tribal members only. Tribal members will hunt on both the LTBB Reservation and within the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory, Michigan. This harvest proposal provides tribal members a harvest opportunity in a biologically sound and culturally significant way. The federal trust responsibility toward the tribal members requires the Service to honor this intent. The Tribe anticipates a very small harvest from the tribal members. The LTBB Natural Resources Department (NRD) plans to continue the annual tribal member survey that includes two questions concerning migratory birds.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. If you have questions, please contact Archie Kiogima Jr., Wildlife Biologist, for the Little Traverse Bay Band's of Odawa Indians.

Sincerely,

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND'S OF ODAWA INDIANS

SUBJECT: LTBB 2008/2009 MIGRATORY BIRD PROPOSED SEASONS & BAG LIMITS
TO: RON KOKEL, USFWS
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DATE: 5-30-2008
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PROPOSED 2008/2009 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

The LTBB biologists proposed the following seasons and bag limits to the LTBB NRC for approval on Wednesday May 28, 2008. The LTBB NRC approved the proposal to be submitted to the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) for publication in the Federal Register. The following table includes the proposed LTBB 2008/09 seasons and bag limits for hunting migratory birds within the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory:

MIGRATORY BIRD	SEASON	BAG LIMIT
DUCKS*	SEPT 15 – JAN 20	12
CANADA GEESE	SEPT 1 – FEB 8	5
OTHER GEESE whitefront, brant, snow & blue	SEPT 1 – NOV 30	10
WOODCOCK	SEPT 1 – NOV 14	5
SNIPE & RAILS	SEPT 1 – NOV 14	10
MOURNING DOVE	SEPT 1 – NOV 14	10
COOTS & GALLINULES	SEPT 15 – JAN 20	12

*ducks-12/day, no more than 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 1 hooded merganser, 3 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 3 red heads, & 6 mallards, of which only 3 may be hens. Possession limit not to exceed 2 x bag limit.

LTBB greatly appreciates this government-to-government opportunity to propose Migratory Bird seasons and bag limits for the 2008/2009 hunting seasons in Michigan's 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory.

Archie Kiogima, LTBB Wildlife Biologist